

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-6-G - ORDER NO. 2001-214
MARCH 9, 2001

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company –) ORDER GRANTING OUT
Annual Review of Purchased Gas Adjustment) OF PERIOD
(PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies.) ADJUSTMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of an out-of-period adjustment to the cost of gas component from the current rate of 99.340 cents per therm to 79.340 cents per therm, effective with the first billing cycle in March 2001. For the reasons stated below, we approve the adjustment as filed.

SCE&G notes that it is aware of the impact that adjusted gas prices have had on its rate payers during the past several months, and that it has carefully monitored the gas market in order to be as responsive as prudently possible to downward price adjustments in the cost of gas. Although the Company notes that there is still uncertainty in the gas market, it believes that it can now prudently decrease its cost of gas component by 20 cents per therm from 99.340 cents to 79.340 cents, effective with the first billing cycle in March 2001. Pursuant to the authority of the Commission outlined in Commission Order 88-578 in Docket No. 87-426-G, SCE&G requests that the Commission permit a decreased adjustment in its cost of gas as stated above.

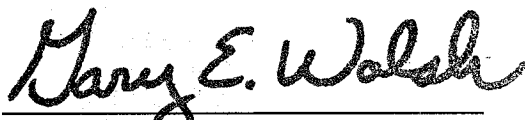
We have examined this matter and based on the representations of SCE&G, we grant the decrease in the cost of gas as requested, effective with the first billing cycle in March 2001.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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